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VIRGINIAN MAKES VALUABLE FIND

Palomar Observatory Stamp In Late August From Oceanside, Calif.

A 3-cent stamp commemorating dedication of the Mt. Palomar Observatory in San Diego County, California will be issued in late August, with the first sale scheduled for Oceanside, postal officials announced.

A bill introduced by Rep. Charles K. Fletcher (R), of San Diego, approved by Congress and signed by President Truman, instructed the Post Office Department to issue the Palomar stamp by Sept. 1.

Postal officials said about 75 million of the stamps will be printed in the first issue. They will be distributed to post offices all over the nation after the first sale at Oceanside.

Experts on stamp design still are working on a motif for the Palomar stamp. Background of the stamp will be a picture of the world's largest observatory and telescope atop Mt. Palomar.

The last commemorative stamp in which San Diego County had a share was issued May 29, 1935, in observance of the California-Pacific International Exposition in Balboa Park.

The Oceanside postoffice was chosen for the first sale of Palomar stamps because it was the only community which asked for the privilege, according to post office authorities. Paul Beck, co-publisher of the Oceanside Blade-Tribune, and the Oceanside Junior Chamber of Commerce asked the Post Office Department to sell the first stamps there.

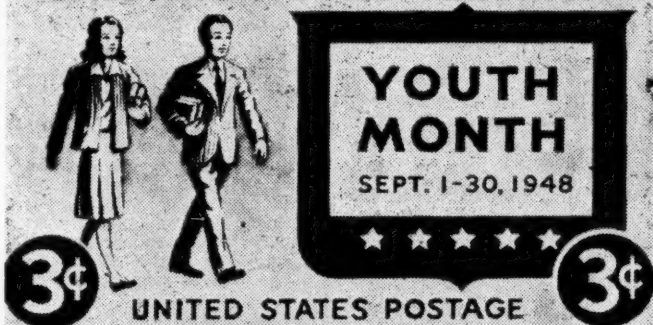
If there had been other requests, selection of a "first sale" site would have been based on proximity to the Palomar Observatory, postal officials said. The Palomar, Julian and Escondido post offices are closer to the 200-inch mirror than Oceanside.

Color Of Peace With Canada Stamp Announced

The color of the commemorative stamp which will celebrate the 100 Years of Peace and Friendship between the United States and Canada will be blue according to an announcement from the Post Office Department. This stamp, illustrated in the July 19 issue of Linn's depicts the Suspension bridge across the Niagara River at Niagara Falls, New York. Denomination of the stamp is three cents. First day of issue will be made at Niagara Falls, N. Y. on August 2.

"Youth" And "Key" Designs Revealed

SALUTING YOUNG AMERICA



Shown above are the designs selected for the Francis Scott Key Stamp, and for the Youth of America issue. The "Key" commems will have its first day of issue on August 9, at Frederick, Md. The Youth of America stamp will be presented to the public two days later on August 11, from Washington, D. C. which has been selected as the first day city. Three other issues are expected for August, one being definitely set for August 2, the Canada Friendship stamp, while the Oregon Centennial and the Mt. Palomar Observatory stamps are due also.

Postmaster General Releases Details On The Francis Scott Key And The Youth Of America Commems

Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson announced the description of the three cent Francis Scott Key and the Salute to Youth commemorative postage stamps which are to be placed on first-day sale at Frederick, Maryland, on August 9, and Washington, D. C. on August 11 respectively. The "Key" stamp, which is red, is 0.84 by 1.44 inches, arranged horizontally, with a narrow light band border. The central design is a portrait of Francis Scott Key in an oval, below which appears his name in white Gothic on a dark background. The American flags of the Period of 1814 and today are draped on the left and right sides of the portrait, respectively. The old Key home appears in the lower left corner, and in the lower right corner is Fort McHenry with dark Gothic lettering on ribbons

identifying each. Above the central design is the dark Gothic lettering "U. S. Postage", to the left and right of which is the denomination "3c" in the same style.

The new stamp will be issued in sheets of 50 and an initial order of 115,000,000 has been authorized.

Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations of this stamp may send not in excess of 10 self-addressed envelopes to the Postmaster at Frederick with money order or postal note remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed.

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Rare, Large Sized Blocks Of Early U. S. Stamps Discovered In West Virginia Accumulation

(Editor's Note: Linn's on page nine of the July 19 edition had a short news item to the effect that an interesting accumulation of stamps and philatelic material had been discovered. Discoverer and owner of the material is James M. Hardman of South Charleston, W. Va., who has supplied the paper with the exclusive story, as well as with actual photographs of some of the rarer pieces. The story which follows was prepared by Mr. Hardman and Herman Herst, Jr. who collaborated on it.)

A legal dispute over a bit of real estate is by no means unusual, as far as juridical proceedings go, but when it leads to a philatelic find of consequence, it becomes a subject of interest to all of us. When two litigants in Charleston, W. Va. became involved, it became necessary to seek real estate records from the last century, and an employee of one of those interested, Mr. James M. Hardman, of 234 1/2 11th Avenue, South Charleston, W. Va., was given the rather uninteresting job of digging back into records that had gathered dust for decades. For some time Mr. Hardman had known of the existence of these records which had no particular value, but which had been tolerated for so many years simply because the space which they occupied was not needed for any other purpose. In fact, several times when the opportunity offered, he had half-heartedly prodded the accumulation, half-hoping that something of philatelic value might present itself, but adopting a somewhat indifferent attitude, knowing that the material was in all probability a bit too recent to be of value or consequence.

Now however a specific record book was needed, and like it or not, it was Mr. Hardman's task to dig into the accumulation, and to find not only one particular book, but anything else that might have bearing on the case. The following are Mr. Hardman's own words:

"In searching for this old book, I noticed that a large wooden box had burst open. Everything in the box was in jackets, or large printed envelopes, and imagine my surprise when the second jacket I opened contained an immaculate cover with a strip of five and a pair of 3c greens. That surely was a lucky find from every angle, for the covers weren't nearly that plentiful, in fact, only about four or five covers were found in the entire box but this one lucky break spurred me on—I knew that there must be other covers, and I knew that I'd never rest until I went through everything. Had I not been lucky, I could have looked in another hundred jackets and found nothing, and all of these old stamps and covers would have been destroyed."

Mr. Hardman explained how it happened that such a vast quantity of stamps could be found in one place. This particular concern had construction crews all over the state in the years after the Civil War. All monies that they paid out for different pur-

poses had to be approved by the home office in Charleston, and it was necessary that all papers, bills, records be mailed to Charleston for approval. In addition, record books were periodically mailed in for going over by the accountants, and these often made substantial packages. Since all these were sent as letter mail, the equivalent of what we today call "first class mail," the postage used was seldom less than several dollars, and one shipment Mr. Hardman found bore postage to the amount of \$17.00.

While many sendings were prepaid, by far the greater part of them were mailed without postage, and intentionally. The reason was obvious. The company's representatives, scattered about the State, soon found that even their postage outlay had to be reimbursed by the head office. Rather than lay this money out of their pockets, and await the convenience of the accountants to repay it, it became the custom to post the heavy letters without

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NOTICE TO ALL COVER FANS

Collectors who try to collect the first day covers of each of the new stamps as they appear will do well to consult the "New U. S. First Days" box which usually appears on page two of Linn's. This is the most up-to-the-minute listing of new issues announced and proposed of any philatelic publication, and by using it and watching the listings therein closely, cover fans will be able to get all the first day covers. Many of the announcements of the dates and the first day cities are sudden, and require prompt action on the part of collectors.

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AFGHANISTAN: Two stamps issued on May 29th honoring Children's Day have been reported.



ALGERIA: The 5 franc salmon red airmail, has been overprinted in blue "18 Juin 1940 & 10fr." and with a double barred cross to make a new airmail charity stamp.

BADEN: With the revaluation of the mark, six new stamps have been issued, so as to correspond with new currency. Eight additional values will be forthcoming. All of these are to be color changes with the exception of a fifty pf. blue which pictures the Grand Duchess of Baden, Stephanie D. Beauharnais.

BAHRAIN: The provisional issue for Bahrain has just been received, consisting of a 3 line overprint in black on the current stamps of Great Britain. Denominations are: 1/2a on 1/2d.; 1a. on 1d.; 1 1/2a. on 1 1/2d.; 2a. on 2d.; 2 1/2a. on 2 1/2d.; 3a. on 3d.; 6a. on 6d.; 1 rupee on 1 shilling; 2R. on 2/6; 5R on 5/.

A similar set has been issued for Kuwait with identical values and another set from Muscat identical except that the set stops at 2 rupees instead of 5 rupees.

BOLIVIA: On July 6th the Pan-American Automobile Races were honored by the commemorative issue consisting of a 5 Bs. single stamp as well as a 5 Bs. souvenir sheet which comes perf. and imperf. An airmail set was also issued consisting of a single stamp with a face value of 10 Bs. and 2 souvenir sheets of 10 Bs. each, one to be perforated and the other to be imperforated. These sheets are said to be limited to 8,000 copies and should be very attractive as they are being printed by Don Bosco who have done some very presentable work in the past.

Also to be printed by Don Bosco for issuance in September is a set commemorating the 3rd Inter-American Catholic Education Congress. This set will consist of 4 postage values with a total face value of \$11.40 Bs. as well as souvenir sheets both perf. and imperf. comprising the same 4 values. An airmail set will consist of 4 values for total face value of \$23.80 Bs. as well as souvenir sheets both perf. and imperf. comprising the same values. In this instance sheets are limited to 20,000 sets.

Two other sets which will appear between September and October are being printed by the Security Bank Note Company. These are to be a sports issue. Postage set will consist of 7 values for a total face value of \$12.10 Bs. and an airmail set of 7 values for a face value of \$12.50 Bs., and souvenir sheets both perf. and imperf. for a total face value of \$49.20 Bs. In this instance the souvenir sheets will be printed in addition to 10,000 sets.

The fourth centenary of the foundation of La Paz is also to be honored by an ordinary mail set of 10 values a total face value of \$23.80 and an airmail set of 10 values for a total face value of \$26.40 accompanied by 12 souvenir sheets (6 perf. and 6 imperf.) for a total face value of \$100.00 Bs.

We are indebted for the above

information to Ludwig Horn

Flach of La Paz, Bolivia. BRAZIL: It is rumored that a four value set of semi-postals will be issued in connection with Brazil's participation in the Olympic games.

BULGARIA: The annual commemorative marking "The day of the stamp" has been issued. This time it is a fifty leva olive-green airmail.

CANAL ZONE: A new 25c postage will be issued on August 16th. At the same time the half cent and one and a half cent No. 118 and No. 119 will be withdrawn and definitive stamps of these denominations will be issued to replace them.



COLOMBIA: The 20c brown postal tax stamp Scott's No. RA 25 as been overprinted "Correos" for regular postage use.

DUTCH INDIES: A one gulden purple of the large Queen's head design has been added to the current series.

ECUADOR: A set of stamps to publicize Chinin the drug used to fight Malaria which is produced in Ecuador will be issued in August. The postage set will consist of 10c, 20c, 30c, 50c, 1 sucre, and 5 sucres; the airmail set will consist of 50c, 70c, 3 sucres, 5 sucres, and 10 sucres. There is also said to be in preparation a postage and airmail series to mark the second philatelic exhibition this fall.

EGYPT: A ten M. green stamp has been issued to commemorate the capture of Gaza by Egyptian troops. The stamp shows a vignette of King Farouk as well as a map of Palestine and a body of soldiers.

LIECHTENSTEIN: 4 additional denominations are to be added to the air pioneers set. These will be a forty rp. blue honoring Etienne G. Robertson; 50 rp. greenish-blue showing William S. Henderson; 1 fr. sepia bearing portrait of Otto Lillienthal and 2 fr. red for Salomon Andree.

PAKISTAN: A commemorative set marking the first anniversary of the independence of Pakistan will be issued August 15th. Denominations will be 1 1/2A; 2 1/2A; 3A. and 1 rupee.



POLAND: We illustrate the two sets issued recently and reported all with the same design in this paper two weeks ago. The top stamp is one of a set of three, "Tour de Pologne" commemorates which were issued July 5, and which publicize the national bicycle race. Values and colors are 3z. gray black, 6z. brown and 15z. green. Three different designs were used for the set honoring the Polish Merchant Marine, one of which is illustrated. Values and colors were 6z. violet, 15z. carmine rose and 35z. gray.

—Clarence W. Hubbard



SYRIA: Four handsome new

stamps have just been received showing the portrait of President Shukri el Kaoutly. There is a postage set consisting of a 12 1/2 P. black and brown showing the front of one of the government buildings with the head of the president in an oval; and a 52P. showing a profile portrait of the president in rose lake. There are also 2 airmails consisting of a 126P. of the same design as the postage, but printed in blue and a 50 P. of the same design as the 25 P. postage printed in gray brown.



SYRIA: Another set of the same denomination as the set quoted above but with a very striking design has been received. The 12 1/2 P. shows a stylized eagle and shield in black and brown and the 25 P. shows a flag and soldier standing beneath it. Colors of this stamp are blue, dark blue, black, red, and green with a large white expanse for a background. The airmails consist of a 12 1/2 P. blue and indigo of the same design as the 12 1/2 P. postage and a 50 P. of the same design as the 25 P. postage but colored green, red, and black. Both of these sets are extremely attractive.

British Catalog Just Released Reflects The Current Market

A catalog that carries on some of the old traditions when it was more or less the price list of the publisher, is the Whitfield King & Co's., "The Standard Catalog Of The Postage Stamps Of The World" part II for Foreign countries. As might be suspected by the uninitiated, the book is an English publication. It is published by and available from Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, England. Price is 15/-, or slightly over \$3.00.

Any comment about this catalog must of course bring in a comparison with the Scott counterpart, for nearly all collectors in this country are familiar with it to some extent. In size, it is about one-half of Scott's, in number of pages, nearly identical. With only half as much surface on which to record the data and illustrations, the King catalog needs to eliminate some items that collectors have always regarded with interest.

The first of these is the illustrations. In the English book, they are one-fourth the size of the stamp, and so are practically useless for the depiction of varieties. And for example, rather than illustrate each of the Famous American stamps, only one of each series is reproduced. Likewise many stamps are described only and not pictured. No listing of the various perforations in which issues of stamps are found is made, nor are there any illustrations of the various watermarks that are found on stamps.

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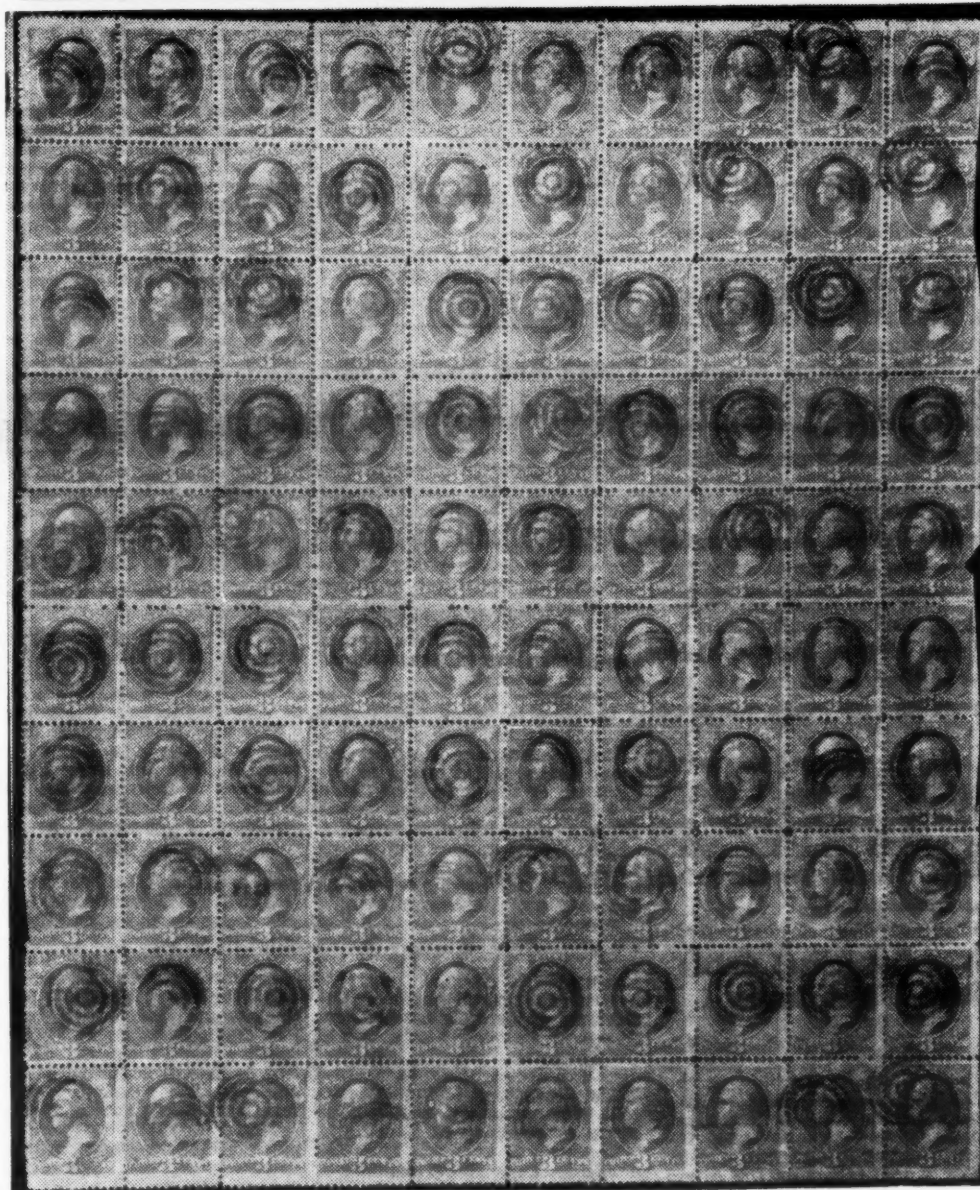
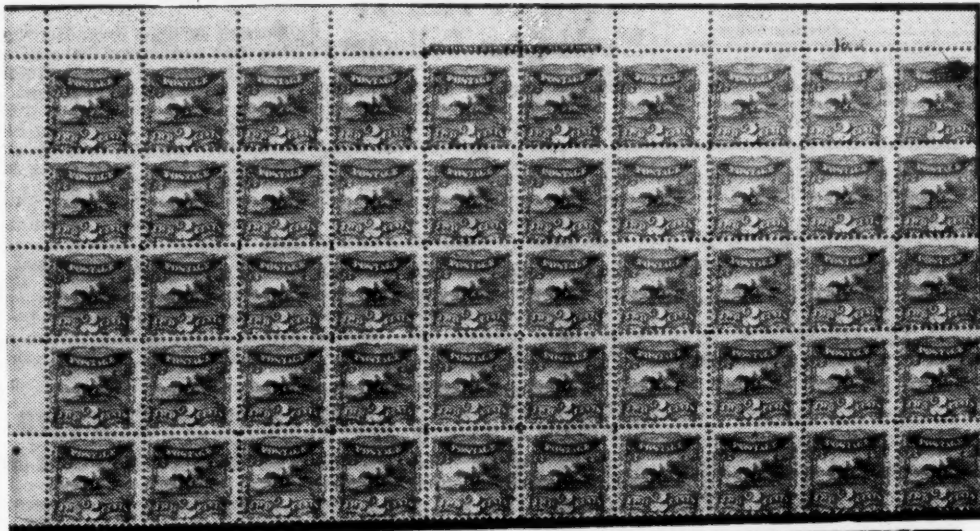
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Shown above are three of the pieces discovered in the West Virginia find of James M. Hardman, and which is reported on page one of this issue of Linn's. What is thought to be the largest known piece of the 2c, 1869 is to be found pictured in the top illustration. This is one half of a mint sheet, and consists of fifty stamps. Next is a block of twenty used stamps of 10c of one of the Bank Note issues. Then follows a full sheet, used of the three cent greens. These items along with others were in an accumulation of material which was scheduled for the junk pile and burning, when Mr. Hardman luckily discovered the contents.

A cemetery is depicted on a stamp of Algeria issued in 1936. Name of it is Sidi Bon Medine at Tlemcen.

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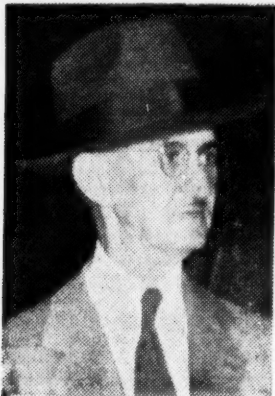
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A New Find

The subject of great stamp finds is a fascinating one. Rare indeed is the philatelist who does not harbor within his breast the fond hope that some day he is going to come upon a find of stamps of such value and importance that



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rows to come will.

LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS feels happy to announce in these news columns that we have been chosen to bring to the philatelic fraternity news of a new stamp find, made recently in West Virginia. The fortunate collector has given us a full story of the circumstances leading up to the find, of what stamps it consisted, and we further have been given the privilege of illustrating some of the rare pieces that were hidden from the light of day for so many years.

As to the consequences of the find, we suggest that the effects will be far reaching. When a stamp issued more than a half century ago, which during all that time has been relatively scarce, is suddenly found in quantities numbering several hundred, the effect on the market cannot help but be considerable. Such will be the case when news of this find is publicized, for several stamps of this nature are involved. We feel that the willingness of the fortunate finder to tell the story of it, as well as to give the facts as to the stamps unearthed, should set a precedent which we hope other collectors will follow.

Anyone may make a stamp find. It requires no special genius, and no special understanding of stamps. Until this West Virginia find was made, the now lucky and happy collector felt that they only came to the next fellow. It certainly behooves all of us to keep our eyes open for anything that may lead to a lucky strike; we may be next.

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The book will have one serious handicap for one who is not able to read or understand German, especially the philatelic terms, for the catalog is printed in this language. Since the understanding of the text is highly necessary to the use of the book, non-German reading collectors must forego the purchase of it. Perhaps in the very near future, an interested collector who has a command of both the languages will take it upon himself to effect a translation into the English.

The book while printed on a poor grade of paper is nevertheless well illustrated. It consists of 62 pages plus paper covers. Persons who would be interested in buying a copy of the book can do so by sending their requests and payments to Martin Sellinger, 645 Vincent Ave., New York 61, N. Y. who is the agent in this country for the catalog.

Essays And Proofs Subject Of Talk To Washington Collectors

On the evening of May 20th, the members of the Washington Philatelic Society had the privilege of seeing some of the most outstanding philatelic material in existence, and hearing one of the most interesting talks ever presented to the Society.

The guest speaker on this occasion was Chester A. Smeltzer, of New York City and Ramsey, N. J., who showed a small portion of his magnificent collection of essays and proofs of United States stamps. Among the items shown were large and small die proofs, Southgate, Roosevelt, hybrid, and plate proofs, as well as outstanding pieces of the Goodall and Atlanta trial color proofs. All in the finest condition possible and so perfectly mounted and displayed that even the veriest tyro could not help appreciating their beauty. After the formal presentation was over, all present crowded around Mr. Smeltzer for a closer examination.

One of the founders of the Essay-Proof Society, and President of that organization since its establishment in 1943, Mr. Smeltzer is well known to philatelists everywhere and many collectors have had the pleasure of seeing portions of his collection in various shows and exhibitions. There is a difference, however, between seeing such items through the plate glass of an exhibition frame, and holding the album page in your own hands so that it can be turned at various angles to the light thus revealing the delicacy of the engravers' lines and the perfection of his art.

Major General Karl Truesdell, U. S. A., Ret., President of the Washington Philatelic Society, presided at the meeting and eventually secured Mr. Smeltzer's release by exacting a promise that he would return again for another visit.

Thurn And Taxis Posts Featured In Handbook

Feature of the newest of the Billig Philatelic Handbook's, Volume 8, is a fairly comprehensive treatment of the history of the family, their posts, the stamps and the postal markings of Thurn and Taxis. In fact 120 pages of the present book is devoted to bringing to the eyes of interested collectors a great deal of the information which has been spread throughout many publications and in many languages.

This presentation is the work of E. F. Hurt in collaboration with Dr. J. R. Hollick, both of England.

The author, who has devoted many years to the study of the Posts under the regime of Thurn and Taxis, has included some hitherto unpublished information which other researchers have neglected, and has included information which he has turned up as the results of his own efforts.

Found in the book are a list of the post offices of Upper Silesia after World War I, a list of the post offices of Sweden from 1636 to 1910 and several pages of illustrations of Turkish cancellations. Of special interest to collectors of United States pictorial cancellations are the eight pages devoted to the illustration of "cross" cancellations. Five pages are used to illustrate cancellations of Brazil.

The book is available from the publisher, Fritz Billig, Jamaica 3, New York at \$4.00 per copy. Like the other previously issued books of this series, the material is printed on a good grade of book stock which helps the illustrations considerably, and bound between hard cloth covers.

Hospitalized Vets Need Stamps, Supplies

The hospitalized veterans now recuperating at the Deshon Veterans Administration Hospital of Butler, Pa., the stamp collecting ones, that is, have formed a stamp club which has 25 members. These collectors would like to have some assistance in the way of stamps and philatelic supplies from those of the readers who would like to remember these men.

All of the men are bed-fast, and find a lot of fun in preparing and mounting stamps in their collections. Any contributions can be sent in care of Miss Luise Huep, Recreation Assistant, Deshon V. A. Hospital, c/o Special Service, Butler, Pa.

Ickes Collection Will Be Auctioned

Former Interior Secy. Harold L. Ickes has announced he will sell his collection of nearly 100,000 stamps gathered in the last 30 years from all over the world.

The collection, one of the largest in the country, will be sold next fall in New York, Ickes said. Date and place of sale will be announced later. Edson J. Fifield will handle disposal of the collection.

Ickes' collection, contained in 29 volumes and some 20 other books, includes complete issues of many countries and practically all stamps issued by the British colonies, the announcement said.

Cachet And Grapes For Lucky Cover Fans

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On October 2, the Exeter C of C will sponsor a two colored printed cachet which will be added to the prepared covers of collectors who place them in the hands of the above group by September 20. Regulations governing this event require collectors to prepare their own covers for first class postage, either by air or surface mail. That means either a three cent or five cent stamp. Standard size white 6 3/4" size envelopes are to be used with a light cardboard stuffer in each.

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Such differences are caused by the relative scarcity of some numbers over others, generally caused by unequal distribution by the Post Office Department. Poor perforating causes scarcity in very fine to superb condition of many positions. The quantity printed from each plate varies greatly.

This list will interest all plate block collectors as it offers a three-way service. You can exchange, buy or sell as Mr. Crane backs up his values with an offer to purchase any plate block at a reasonable discount from his selling price.

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EGYPT has just issued a 10m stamp in green to mark the capture of Gaza (in Israel) by the Egyptian troops. This stamp shows Egyptian troops marching across a map of Palestine.

NEW ZEALAND. In the public competition for designs for the four stamps to be issued to mark the Royal Visit in 1949, it is reported that three designs have already been selected. The 2 pence will show the Waitangi Treaty House, the 3 pence H. M. S. Vanguard and the 5 pence a group portrait of the King, Queen and Princess. The design for the 8 pence has not been announced.

LEEWARD ISL. The Crown Agents recently announced the issuance of six low value stamps in new colors. These are 1/2d. gray, 1d. green 1 1/2d. orange and black, 2d. red, 2 1/2d. black and purple and 3d. blue. These new colors should be good, as it is expected that Leeward Islands will very soon follow St. Vincent and issue stamps in dollars and cents instead of shilling and pence.

NEW ZEALAND. From New Zealand comes word that copies of the one pence peace stamps have been found with inverted watermark. Look at yours, as this may be a good variety.

BARBADOS. When the Royal Wedding stamps go on sale, Barbados will put into use a new slogan postmark, similar to those used in the United States for first day covers.

GREAT BRITAIN. According to rumors, probably correct, an heir (or heirs?) to the throne is expected in October—AND—instructions have been issued for a stamp (or stamps) to commemorate this arrival. The value has not been announced but it is to be hoped that they do not decide on very high values. In view of the uncertainty as to the sex of the new heir, colors for this stamp (or stamps) may create a real problem. Perhaps they will be in both pink and blue and one discarded later. Another problem will face those desiring first day covers, as the new heir may decide to arrive at an hour which will make it difficult.

**Subscriptions To Linn's
For Hospitalized Vets**

A most commendable gesture on the part of the Lockheed Stamp Club of Burbank, California was the taking out of subscriptions to Linn's Weekly Stamp News for three stamp clubs located in Veterans Hospitals in their immediate area. The veterans so remembered are in the Birmingham Stamp Club, Birmingham V. A. Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif., the McCornack Stamp Club, McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena 2, Calif. and the San Fernando Valley Veterans Stamp Club, San Fernando Valley V. A. Hospital, San Fernando, Calif.

At the time of their recent exhibition, subscriptions to Linn's were offered as door prizes to the winners by the Lockheed Club. Members are all employed by the Lockheed Aviation Corp., of Burbank, Calif.

**Pakistan Commems On
Sale At Face Value**

The four value commemorative set recently issued by Pakistan is obtainable at the Pakistan Embassy, 2201 R St. N. W., Washington, D. C. A short while ago, the embassy made it known that it would sell the stamps of that country at face value to all who would want them. The set is offered at 50c, which is face plus a slight handling charge. Orders should be made to the attention of S. Hyder, Third Secretary.

**Australia Honors
Wheat Researcher**

On July 12, Australia issued a stamp of the 2 1/2d. denomination in red to commemorate WILLIAM JAMES FARRER who by his pioneer research in wheat breeding was responsible for the development of those varieties which resist disease and drought and show a marked improvement in yield and quality of flour.



The new stamp, has as its dominant central motif a bust portrait of the late WILLIAM JAMES FARRER reproduced from a photograph obtained from the Mitchell Library.

Farrer was not trained as an agriculturist, having graduated as a surveyor at the University of Cambridge, but his mind was one of exceptional vigor and originality and, having applied himself to wheat breeding, his ability for painstaking work enabled him to overcome the tremendous difficulties encountered not only in the tedious task of selection and improving the strains of wheat but also in the lack of support for what were then regarded as impractical theories.

Farrer's work is still being carried on by others with the inspiration of his life and efforts as the torch to light the way. A monument erected at Queanbeyan, New South Wales, bears his words which sum up his ideal—"I want to think that when the end comes, my life has not been wasted."

The stamp will be current for a period of three months only, it being withdrawn in October. It is perforated 17x15 and carries the "Multiple Crown, C of A" watermark.

**Cachet For First Run
Of Luxury Train**

To commemorate the first run of a wholly new and ultra-modern version of the world famous Twentieth Century Limited scheduled to begin operation late this summer, the New York Central System is preparing a special stamp cover and cachet.

The cachet design probably will include a color picture of the famed New York-Chicago streamliner.

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First-run covers will be available, without charge, on the Twentieth Century Limited when the new luxury equipment is placed on public display in Chicago and New York City shortly before the inaugural run. Covers also may be obtained by writing to W. J. Treloar, Manager of Mail & Express Traffic, New York Central System, 466 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

A 3-cent stamp, or 3 cents to cover postage, should be enclosed with mail requests for covers. The name and address of the person to whom the cover is to be mailed should be plainly printed.

**Club President
Called By Death**

The sympathies of many persons of the philatelic world are being extended to the family of John H. Bailey who passed away on the morning of July 5. Mr. Bailey was the newly elected president of the Quad City Stamp Club, and had been active in the affairs of the group for some time. Mr. Bailey had been very active in helping to plan the arrangement for the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Convention which will be held with the Quad City Club as the hosts.

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PART IV

TRINIDAD IS INTERESTING

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It's no revelation to the many who pride themselves on meticulously kept data, records, etc., everything in its place always easily found, to, in time, discover notes missing, later found elsewhere when their use wasn't relevant or essential. Thus the few? undecipherable memos (one's own handwriting) since located by looking for something else and which is evident hasty scribbling at the time highlights a hitherto unreported observation and happenstance. Little brown brothers doubling as stamp salesmen working the tourist ships trying thusly to dispose of their wares. The present day New York City version is that of Satchel Salesmen.

But instead of a satchel—from their many cavernous pockets an amazing variety of stamp wares were pulled out—they never seemed at a loss to know where the right pocket was. Folded approval sheets—some medium to good quality too at reasonable prices—packets—as well as sets mounted on special cardboard—also rather fairly priced, the records indicate. Several large holdings of a vast variety of what we call today cacheted covers—neat, lightly cancelled—stamps well chosen for design and bright colors—all British Colonies. Prices outrageous.

However, the strange thing—each cover bore the name of a prominent New York City addressee—they being the same. May be this large New York City stamp operator knew about the covers—or it might be that they didn't. It might be that a test was on to whether it would pay to establish a West Indian outlet—which method and personalities rules out. If the ruling minds of this New York City concern, yes, they're still in business should read this brief mention—and if it were stated that this circumstance occurred at either Barbados or Port of Spain, Trinidad—1928 was the year date—it might explain to them something that has been intangible to them for a long while.

Be it as it may be—Port of Spain is a remarkable city—population by census about 75,000. A modern city—seat of Government—substantial buildings—splendid eating places—street railway system—electricity—phone service all over the Island of Trinidad—besides being a cable center and terminal. Excellent roads everywhere—due to Pitch Lake—from which our asphalted road surfacing in the U. S. comes. Result, splendid bus service, enjoyable too if one doesn't mind wrestling, shoving and pushing along with the apparent cosmopolitan—an education in itself and not in books.

Port of Spain is unsurpassed surprisingly—for its sanitary system—modern—efficient—vastly different than obtains in most of the lesser islands thruout this area. Tobago which was a separate entity & issued its own stamps up to about 1900 is in plain sight—in fact is passed prior to entering the Gulf of Paria which leads to Port of Spain. This immediate foregoing remark is occasioned by having bought practically a "pig in the poke" gamble packet of stamps—from one of the, on arrival at the dock, itiner-

Georgetown a typical alongside the estuary town is the capital in which all commercial activity centers. And this, famous to most of us for the one and only reason, was reached after just a one night jaunt from Port of Spain. The landscape is flat—and low, and being alluvial is rich and fertile—much rice is grown here. Mahogany wood cutters—gold diggers—and diamond camps are not far back in the interior from the city. Four rivers have their confluence nearby, creating a constantly turbid sand impregnated, steady current—siltling up the channel which requires frequent dredging.

Georgetown or more properly speaking British Guiana has much to offer in the way of physical phenomena. One of which is the Kaieteur Falls which is pictured on the British Guiana 1898 set of stamps. The usual cargo dictated a minimum stay which left little time for stamp investigating other than buys at the P. O. which have shown their enhancement—very well during the lapsed period of time.

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British Guiana as a whole possesses many varied natural resources one of the most important of which, to American economy anyway, is that of Bauxite the base for making Aluminum. It is interesting to observe the 10,000 ton special freighters for this service moosey apparently into what appears to be solid tree laden river bank—find the opening. Pilots knew where it is easily enough, and gradually disappear behind the foliage of the tropical trees which sway back into their accustomed natural drooping habits and thus remove any and all vestiges of a large boat, especially of that size—as it enters the Moeng River at the head of which is probably the largest bauxite deposit known to the aluminum world. The river is plenty deep—and the boats were constructed to accommodate the comparatively narrow width. In time we will hear more of this British Colony which is "Frontier" for so many things vital to the worlds economy.

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Another value has been added to the series in honor of the liberation of the Dodecanese Islands, by Greece. First day of the new stamp was July 1, the value is 450 Drachmas, the color dark blue. The collectors of maps on stamps will have one for their collections with this one since it depicts the map of the Island of Kasso, one of the Dodecanese group. The sailing ship is a man-of-war of the period commencing in 1821 when the Islanders fought the Greek War for Independence. The above cover was received from Thales Kessissoglou, Winston Churchill St. 30, Athens, Greece. The above information and a first day cover were received also from P. J. Drossos, 1 St. Deny's Place, Athens, Greece.

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Those collectors who sent me covers for the Idlewild Airport Dedication may find themselves quite fortunate. As I stated in my columns, I am not sponsoring any cachet myself; but I am turning these covers over to someone who is sponsoring one. That someone is the E. H. Ovington Junior Unit of the Jack Knight Airmail Society; and that organization is having a special two-colored cachet, plus a specially-printed airmail label, and are having all the covers postmarked at Jamaica, N. Y. (location of the airport); flown to San Francisco and backstamped there; and if arrangements can be made, they will be flown back to New York and backstamped again... in other words, a round trip coast-to-coast flight in less than 24 hours. What more could a cover collector want. Up to July 15th, I had received over 600 covers for this event. My thanks to David C. Crockett of the above Unit for assisting me on this event.

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Stamps Of Europe In Illustrated Price List

General collectors always seem to welcome the announcement of the release of the "Postage Stamps of Modern Europe" price list by the H. E. Harris & Co., 13 Transit Bldg., Boston 8, Mass. Harris' have announced the second 1948 edition of this well illustrated and interesting price list as now available to collectors for the sum of 10c which will be used to cover the costs of postage and packing.

Within its 160 pages will be found stamps in mint and used sets from Albania to Wurtemberg, plus an offering of philatelic supplies. Practically all the popular and attractive stamps of the 20th Century issues of Europe and the Mediterranean countries are to be found, many of them accompanied with the story behind the stamps and the country issuing them.

A number of collectors use the Harris' books as check lists, and as abbreviated catalogs besides making their regular purchases from the offerings within the pages. Other publications available from them are "United States Possessions and British North America," "British Empire Stamps" and "Airmail Stamps." Each of the three books are obtainable from the above address also for the sum of 10c each.

Clambake Features Annual Summer Outing

New England collectors, especially those resident near Providence, Rhode Island are due for a fine all day outing on August 21, when the Rhode Island Philatelic Society holds its annual outing at the Peleg Francis Farm at Rehoboth. Luncheon will be served at 12 noon after which will follow a series of contests, games and a philatelic auction.

An old fashioned New England Clambake will take place at 5 p. m. In the evening drawings for attendance prizes will take place. The grand award being a mint set of the Graf Zepps. There will also be a dealers bourse, reservations for which can be made at this time.

Details as to reservations and the cost of the tickets for the outing can be secured from Colin McR. Makepeace, 1030 Hospital Trust Building, Providence, R. I. Arrangements for transportation can be made at the same time.

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A radio program of fifteen minutes duration dedicated solely to stamp collectors is announced by station WWEZ of New Orleans, La. Written and presented by E. L. Greenwald, it is broadcast on Sunday evenings from 6:30 until 6:45 p. m. All manner of philatelic subjects will form the basic part of the program, with occasional special events being given. Station WWEZ is to be found at 690 on your radio dial.

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J. A. Biegler of Linton, North Dakota while in the vicinity of Sidney, Ohio dropped into our offices for a visit. A lot of the talk had to do with the current stamp market, and successful business practices since Mr. Biegler is in the stamp business in his home town. This was the first time for a while that he had been as far east as Ohio, and he was enjoying his visit immensely.

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By Carl P. Rueth

When the Post Office Department released the information on the 5c Swedish Centennial stamp design, it was pointed out that the twelve stars, six on each side, were for the twelve states inhabited by these Swede immigrants. Probably a lot of you wondered which twelve states were so honored, and let it go at that. Not so for H. M. Brehm of New London, Wisconsin; he wrote to the Department asking what states each of the stars represented. Here is the answer direct from Washington, and it is going to make a lot of you smile: Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. Pardon my skepticism, but if over five families of these immigrants stayed in any of the states except North and South Dakota, Illinois, Minnesota and perhaps Wisconsin, something new has been added. There just weren't that many immigrants!

Are you ready?

1. The Inventor series of the Famous Americans had the values, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c and 10c. Pictured were Elias Howe, Samuel F. B. Morse, Alexander Graham Bell, Eli Whitney and Cyrus H. McCormick. One of them was born at each of these places, Edinburgh, Scotland, Spencer, Massachusetts, Westboro, Massachusetts, State of Virginia and Charlestown, Massachusetts. Supply the correct value and birthplace to each inventor.

2. The 4c stamp of the 1936-37 Navy series pictured Admirals Dewey, Sampson and Schley. They all served together in one of the wars fought by the United States, and one of them received a recognition from the government never before accorded any other naval man. What was the war, and who was the man and the recognition given him?

In the July 5 column, I mentioned the possibility of there being a sleeper in the coming batch of stamp issues which would have good investment indications. Apparently the first of such issues is about to appear, and that one will be the 5c airmail commemorative to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of New York City. There will only be 25 million of them printed! This will be the smallest amount of any issue since the CIPEX souvenir sheet.

Several reasons are possible for the number which is substantially under the 100 million or so usually printed. I'll check off my ideas on the matter: 1. On January 1, the airmail rate will be boosted to 6c again, and the Department don't want a bunch of five centers around; 2. The Department might be getting the proper perspective on the actual amount of commems that are feasible; 3. Due to the present overfull program, quantities of all commems will be kept down in order to keep them coming on schedule off the presses.

Readers of this column will remember that I advocated a smaller quantity of each commemorative issue, and a shorter life for them at the Agency. A lot of you wrote the POD in support of this view. Perhaps all of us working together sold the idea!

Likewise, Third Assistant Postmaster Lawler is authority for the statement that there will be no bi-colors of any of the stamps now on the 1948 program. He also intimated that the quantities of all future commemorative issues will be less than the 100 million and over of heretofore, and that serious consideration is being given

to reducing the time each issue is kept at the Philatelic Agency.

Read that paragraph over several times to memorize it, and then put it in a prominent place where you can see and read it occasionally.

Do you know what the curtailment of the quantities, and the Agency sales time means? It means that you are going to have to get in there and get those issues right when they're released, or get left, and have to pay premium prices on new issues as they become suddenly obsolete.

That is exactly what happened with the "Korea" stamp of the Flag series.

And as I pointed out in this column too, watch the figures given for the quantity of each issue, and the frequency with which each issue is used on mail. There's going to be gold in some of this year's stamps.

While some few don't care one way or another, I believe that the majority of us like and approve of stamps in more than one color. You could help in the campaign that Frederick Major is waging single-handed for them by joining his fight on the matter. Mr. Major is trying to interest clubs and collectors in sending such suggestions to the POD and to write him of their approval, also. His address is 267 Main Ave., Watertown N. Y.

Fer Cryin' Out Loud Department: A. C. Winter of Croton-On-Hudson, N. Y. writes that the postmaster at Harmon-On-Hudson, N. Y. refuses to accept a letter for registration on which the CIPEX souv. sheet has been used to prepay the charges. The PM claims the sheet was printed for collectors only, and the use of the sheet violates the postal laws.

Shortly after the sheet was released, a Postal Bulletin contained the declaration to postmasters that this sheet and its stamps were valid for postage and that they must be accepted as payment for all postal fees for which they were offered.

Where was this postmaster when that bulletin appeared? In Cave-Under-Hudson, N. Y.?

The 3c Texas and the 3c Iwo Jima commems went off sale at the Agency on July 7.

Apparently most of you do not realize that the New York Golden Jubilee 5c commemorative airmail will be the same size as the stamps of the Presidential series, the current regular postage issue. It will, and it will be issued in panes of 100 stamps.

Leon J. Bamberger, of RKO Radio Pictures Inc. of New York City has kindly given me the background of the Youth of America commem. He writes, "The Attorney General, Tom Clark, asked the theatre owners of America to spearhead a campaign during September for Youth Month, to combat juvenile delinquency. There will be trailers in the theatres, advertising in the lobby, etc. Gael Sullivan—at one time Assistant Postmaster General—recently joined TOA as their executive director. He immediately thought it would be a good idea to have a stamp to propagandize Youth Month and went down to Washington and quickly sold the idea to the Postmaster General."

Thanks Mr. Bamberger, and I hope that the stamp will help awaken parents and other responsible persons to their God given duty of raising our nation's kids as good citizens.

1. Here they are, unscrambled: —1c, Eli Whitney, Westboro, Mass.; 2c, Samuel F. B. Morse, Charlestown, Mass.; 3c, Cyrus McCormick, State of Virginia; 5c, Elias Howe, Spencer, Mass.; 10c, Alexander Graham Bell, Edinburgh, Scotland.

2. Admirals Dewey, Sampson and Schley served during the War with Spain in 1898. Admiral Dewey was the first officer ever named as Admiral of the Navy. He received this recognition for destroying the Spanish fleet in the battle of Manila Bay (Philippines) without losing a man.

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Air mail service will also be inaugurated on or about August 15 over new route AM-94 between New York, N. Y.—Newark, N. J., Middletown, Binghamton, Oneonta, Albany, Elmira-Corning, Ithaca, Syracuse, Auburn, Geneva, Rochester, Batavia, and Buffalo-Niagara Falls, New York.

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Service at Oneonta, Auburn, Geneva, and Batavia, N. Y., will not be inaugurated at this time, but an appropriate announcement will be made at a later date.

No provision will be made for point to point covers on either of the above events, but at the request of collectors, covers receiving cachets will be given directional service to a terminal or junction point designated by the Regional Superintendent, Air Postal Transport, and served by the first flight in each direction, where they will be backstamped.

**Bureau's June Report
On Plate Numbers**

The Bureau of Engravings and Printing report on stamp printing plates for the month of June lists the following.

The numbers which were assigned to plates for the printing of postage stamps are:

Francis Scott Key 3c commem., 200 subject plates, numbered 23835-6.

Women's Progress 3c commem., 200 subject plates, numbered 23841-2-3-4.

Presidential 1c regular postage, 400 subject plates, numbered 23837-8.

Presidential 1c coil, 170 subject plates, numbered 23839-40.

The following plates were sent to the stamp printing presses and printed from for the first time during the month of June.

Presidential 3c booklet, 360 subject plates, numbered 23422-3, 23573-4.

Presidential 3c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 23701-2.

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A set of semi-postal stamps, the surtax from which will be used to combat tuberculosis, was issued by China on July 6. The series of three stamps are issued both perf and imperf, thereby making six values to be collected. Each stamp carries the universally recognized emblem of those fighting this disease, a Cross of Lorraine, which appears in red on each stamp. Low value of the set is a \$5000 plus \$2000 violet, next is a \$10,000 plus \$2000 chocolate brown, while the high value is a \$15,000 plus \$2000 grey black. The same design appears on each of the stamps, a part of the Great Wall of China which is to symbolize this nation's efforts to exclude a "killer" from its borders. The three imperf stamps bear the same designs and values as the perf varieties, while all six of the stamps were issued un gummed. The above first day cover, and information about this issue was received from C. C. Chu, 1340 Chung Cheng Road East, Shanghai 9, China. Mr. Chu states that two other commemorative issues are in preparation. One will mark the Inauguration of Constitutional Presidents, the other, the 70th Anniversary of China Merchants' SS Co.

VALUABLE FIND

(Continued from page 1)

any postage, allowing the firm itself to pay the postage when the letter was received.

Of those which were prepaid however, some unusual usages have been reported. The Post Offices from which some of these letters were posted were often small, with limited stamp supplies. Undoubtedly some of them had none of the high values used by larger offices for mail of this type. Certainly if high values were available it would not have been necessary to use for postage such multiples as an entire sheet of one hundred of the 3c green Bank Note, or a block of twenty of the 10c, (see illustrations, page 3) or multiples of the 5c Garfield and the 6c Bank Note. In the entire find, there were very few stamps found with a higher face value than ten cents, despite the fact that the set in use at the time included values of 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c and 90c.

Valuable as such items may have been, the principal consequence of this Charleston find is in the vast quantities of postage dues found. Because of the circumstances mentioned, the postage dues of course outnumbered the rest of the stamps in the lot. In all, Mr. Hardman counted a total of 5,291 stamps of the first issue of Postage Dues alone. Broken down according to quantities of each value, with the catalog values, Mr. Hardman presents the following figures. They are undoubtedly conservative, as many covers had overlapping stamps, and it is of course impossible to tell how many stamps may be underneath others. The 5,291, are broken down as follows:

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In all, between two thousand and three thousand covers were

found. Not all of them bore stamps; the concern had its roots well in the past, for among these were many stampless covers, the earliest of 1784. Some of the rates on these were unusual, the highest being \$26.75, according to Mr. Hardman. (Editor's Note: This was probably a 26 3/4 cents rate, which may have appeared to be \$26.75 from the manner in which it was written).

Mr. Hardman states that he was not the first philatelist to stumble upon the lot in the decades in which it lay gathering dust. For some reason, a quantity of large registered covers, all with heavy contents, of the 1893 to 1898 period, had had their stamps clipped off. There was every indication that the stamps were the higher values of the Columbians and the Omahas.

One most unusual item found in the accumulation was a mint half sheet of the 2c, 1869, (see illustration, page 3) which Mr. Hardman believes is the largest block known of this stamp. In this he is undoubtedly correct, for the recently issued Brookman book on "Nineteenth Century United States Stamps" says of the 2c, 1869 that blocks are uncommon, of course individual blocks of four. Certainly a mint block of fifty, if not absolutely unique, must be of the highest order of rarity. Mr. Hardman was unable to deduce how this particular item was included in an accumulation otherwise consisting only of used stamps; he feels that it was simply filed with the other material in error. There were a few other mint stamps included in the find, in each case stamps included in letters that were to be intended for a reply which of course was never forthcoming. Among these were sev-

eral of the 3c 1861, the same stamp grilled, the 3c 1869 and any number of the 2c and 3c Bank Notes, all fresh mint.

Although revenue stamps were issued to facilitate collection of the host of nuisance taxes imposed during the Civil War, the frequency with which ordinary postage stamps were used to pay these taxes is indicated by the many examples found. In fact, many of the so-called manuscript cancels on stamps of the 1861, 1867 and 1869 issues are undoubtedly due to this fiscal use. Among postage stamps used for revenues and found on the original documents, including several of them on bills of lading from the Packet Boats that plied southern rivers carrying mail, many of the stamps themselves being tied to the document with the packet-boat's postmarking device.

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AM-POST FORGERY. According to recent information a forgery gang was arrested at Duisburg. AM-Post stamps of the Brunswick edition of 8, 80 Pfg. and 1 RM were falsified. These three values are the rarest stamps of that edition, and are extremely more expensive. These stamps were produced in small sheets, partly gummed, partly un-gummed. As regards the cancellation a false stamp - Hannover 4 bn - was used. Apart from these stamps the so-called "Tunis-Packchemarke" (Tunis parcel stamp) of the Third Reich, was falsified too. Attention must be paid when purchasing these stamps.

THE CURRENCY - REFORM. In Germany rumors spread that the expected currency reform will be started in June. The most interesting fact for the philatelist will be, that from the same moment in communication with the new money, new post-stamps will be issued. It was intended to issue brand-new stamps for this occasion which, however failed according to information by the postoffice. It was thereupon agreed to overprint the present stamps until such time, when the final stamps will be ready for emission.

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According to newest information with regard to currency reform, there will only be 25 to 50 Reichsmarks a person and all other credits will be blocked. This will mean that only very few will be able to purchase this new edition. The philatelists in foreign countries who expect their German friend collectors to send them this edition on cover, will probably be disappointed. Owing to the short circulation time, these overprints will be the most required edition of post-war time.

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DETAILS ON STAMPS (Continued from page 1)

The "Youth" stamp is 0.84 by 1.44 inches, arranged horizontally, with a single outline frame. The left central portion depicts a girl and a boy walking in step carrying books, and to the right is a dark shield on which is a light panel bearing the wording "Youth Month Sept. 1-30, 1948" in dark Gothic. Five stars appear below this panel. The lettering "Saluting Young America" and "United States Postage" in dark Gothic appears across the top and bottom, respectively. The denomination "3c" in white Gothic appears in each lower corner on a dark circular background. The stamp will be issued in sheets of 50, and an initial printing order of 75,000,000 has been authorized.

The issuance of the stamp is one of the important features of Youth Month which is to be observed in September throughout the country with special activities and youth tributes by newspapers, magazines, radio and motion pictures.

In announcing the description of the new stamp, the Postmaster General declared, "The Post Office Department is proud to play a part in the observance of Youth Month. America looks to our youth of today, because the future destiny of this country depends in large measure on the younger generation."

"Only by continuing to recognize the importance of the men and women of tomorrow can America maintain the strong bulwark of freedom that it is today," Mr. Donaldson said.

Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations of this stamp may send not in excess of 10 self-addressed envelopes to the Postmaster at Washington, D. C., with postal note or money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed.

The color of this new stamp will be announced later.

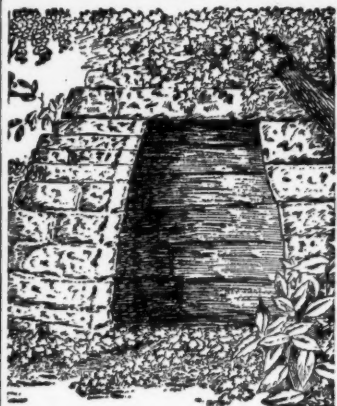
Monaco Honors Its Famous Sculptor



Sometime during the month of July, Monaco will issue a series of nine stamps in honor of J. F. Bosio famous sculptor of that country. Bosio, according to the dates found on the stamps, executed his art between the years 1769 and 1845 which are the dates of his birth and death respectively. There will be five of the stamps for regular postage usage, namely, a 50c not shown, but which is a smaller version of the design on the upper right of the Nymph Salmacis, a 1Fr. same design as the lower left stamp, a 2Fr. same design as the lower right stamp, a 2.50Fr. (upper left) which depicts Bosio's sculpture of "Hyacinthe" and a 4Fr. center stamp bottom row which depicts the sculptor Bosio and an equestrian statue made by him in the background. There are four stamps designated as airmail semi-postals: a 5Fr. plus 5Fr., lower left, Bosio's statue of Hercules overcoming the Serpent, a 6Fr. plus 9Fr., lower right Bosio's statue of "Aristee", a 10Fr. plus 15Fr., same design as upper left and a 15Fr. plus 25Fr. upper right, Bosio's statue of the Nymph Salmacis. The above pictures of the designs were received from Charles Wettly, Le Meridien, Beausoliel, Monaco.

Cachet Profit Marked For Vets Memorial

Funds derived from the sale of a cachet to collectors during the time of the Struthers, Ohio Home-



coming will be earmarked for a veteran's memorial. So will other funds earned during the week long celebration of August 15 to 21. Collectors wanting the cachet need but send the name and the address to which the covers are to be sent, plus 20c per cover. The sponsoring committee will take care of all other details.

Requests are to be directed to Ralph A. Freed, Jr., 380 Poland Ave., Struthers, Ohio. Proper payment must accompany all requests.

Cachet Applied At Dedication Of Airport

The International Terminal Airport of the Philippines at Manila was dedicated on June 26, and for the event, the covers of collectors were stamped with a special cachet for the occasion. Color of the cachet was carmine, and the shape circular.

The wording, "Manila International Airport" was given in the periphery of the circle, while, in the inner area was "Terminal Inauguration / June 26, 1948." Covers for the United States received the dedication day cancellation of June 26, and also one on June 29 when they were despatched to this country.

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Will Rogers' Home Town Offers Cachets

The Claremore, Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce are issuing what they claim are the only officially issued and approved cachet covers for the first day of the Will Rogers stamp which will be released in that city November 4. Claremore is the city that now occupies the site of Oologah, Indian Territory, where Rogers was born.

There will be three covers in the official series as produced by the Claremore group. One bears the picture of Rogers and the Will Rogers Memorial at Claremore. Another depicts the Rogers Memorial Tomb at Claremore and a picture of Rogers, while the third carries a reproduction of the Will Rogers statue, and a drawing of the house in which he was born.

To obtain them properly canceled on the first day with the Will Rogers stamp, collectors need but send the names and addresses to which the covers are to be sent with the proper payment for them. The three different designs sell for 35c the set. Payment and names are to be sent to E. K. Livermore, Business Manager, "The Claremore Progress," Claremore, Okla.

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August 9—Francis Scott Key 3c, first day at Frederick, Md.

August 11—Youth of America 3c, first day at Washington, D. C.

September 19—Gold Star Mother's Stamp 3c, first day at Washington, D. C.

November 4—Will Rogers 3c, first day at Claremore, Okla.

November 19—Lincoln's Gettysburg Address 85th Anniversary 3c, first day at Gettysburg, Penna.

November 20—Turner Society Centenary 3c, Cincinnati, Ohio.

December 9—Joel Chandler Harris 100th Anniversary of Birth, 3c. First day at Eatonton, Ga.

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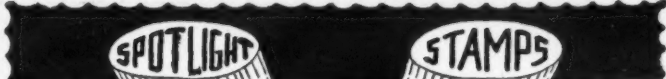
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761	.26	1.05	1.15	1.10	6.25
762	.22	.85	.95	.90	7.25
763	.22	.86	1.00	.92	8.00
764	.25	1.00	1.15	1.10	8.00
765	.27	1.08	1.20	1.18	8.00
766	.18	.65	.75	.70	13.00
767	.16	.64	1.45	.65	4.25
768	.15	.64	.78	.70	3.75
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